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Equipment and Accountant Branches—Rates of Retired Pay

THE present rates of retired pay for officers holding permanent commissions in the Equipment and Accountant Branches have been under review by the Air Council and it has been decided to introduce the following improvements in the rates for officers of the ranks of Group Captain, Wing Commander and Squadron Leader placed on the retired list.

The maximum rates of retired pay for these ranks will be increased to the following amounts:—Group Captain, £678 a year; Wing Commander, £527 a year; Squadron Leader, £396 a year.

To enable officers to qualify for these increased maxima the present retired pay scale in respect of officers retiring at age 54 and above, will be amended as indicated below:—

Age on Retirement.	Yearly Rate of Retired Pay.	Years of Service.	Addition for each extra* year of service.	Deduction for each deficient* year of service.
54	£ 375	21	£ s. d. 20 0 0	£ s. d. 13 10 0
55	392	22	20 0 0	13 10 0
56	409	23	20 0 0	13 10 0
57	427	24	20 0 0	13 10 0
58	444	25	20 0 0	13 10 0
59	461	26	20 0 0	13 10 0
60	478	27	20 0 0	13 10 0

* Limited to five years.

The additional retired pay for each completed year of service in the rank of Group Captain, up to five years, will be increased to £20 a year.

Moves, etc., of Units

NO. 103 (Bomber) Squadron will move from Usworth to Abingdon with effect from September 2.

No. 150 (Bomber) Squadron formed at Boscombe Down on August 8 instead of at Usworth.

No. 4 Flying Training School

THE undermentioned officers and airmen have been awarded special assessments on completion of a course of flying training at No. 4 Flying Training School, Abu Sueir:—

Special Distinction.—A.P/O. D. K. Bednall.
Distinguished Pass.—A.P/O.s F. E. G. Hayter, F. M. Hunter, and E. G. Rands, Sgts. E. Hutton, D. J. Innes-Smith, R. W. Mason, and W. E. J. Smart.

Central Flying School Categories

THE undermentioned officers and airmen have been recategorised:—

A.2 to A.1.—Flt. Lts. W. R. Farney, J. Grandy, K. F. Ferguson, F. H. Tyson, H. J. Kirkpatrick, P. S. Salter, Flt. Sgt. Munns, A.C.L. B. to A.2.—Flt. Lts. G. W. Gollidge, P. F. Canning, O. A. Morris, W. L. Stedman, W. E. Cameron, H. J. L. Hawkins, S. E. Mackenzie, E. L. Colbeck-Welsh, A. P. Hollick, R. B. Wardman, R. K. Brougham, Flt. Sgts. Price, P. C., Edwards, H. W., Francis, E. H., Woode, A. L., Russell, L. R. C., MacIntosh, G. M., Atkins, J. E., Sgts. Appleby, A. F., and Jeary, R. W.

C. to B.—Sgt. Smith, S. P.
Capt. J. E. O. Marais of the South African Air Force has been tested as a flying instructor and has been assessed at Category A.1 standard.

The undermentioned reserve officers have recently been tested at the Central Flying School, and are awarded the following categories:—

A.2.—Flt. Lt. D. H. V. Craig.
B.—Flt. Lts. J. D. H. Slade, A. W. R. Lawson, P. C. Lawrence, R. N. Younghusband, D. G. Allison, F/O.s W. B. Wilson and J. N. Addinsell.



BOMBING-UP a Blenheim during the Air Exercises. It will be noted that bombs now travel in comfort all the way.

More Airman Pilots

AN Air Ministry order gives the names of 198 airmen who have been selected for training as pilots. All these airmen come from the recommendations list of April last.

Flying Accidents

THE Air Ministry regrets to announce the following accidents:—A.P/O. Reginald Alexander Robertson is missing and believed to have lost his life as the result of an accident which occurred in the Solent on August 10 to an aircraft of the R.A.F. Station, Gosport, Hampshire.

With reference to the disappearance on August 6 of an aircraft of No. 13 (A.C.) Squadron, Odiham, Hants, extensive air and ground searches have failed to find the aircraft and its occupant, and it must now be accepted that P/O. Douglas St. Quentin Robinson lost his life on that date.

F/O. Walter Louis Rowbottom lost his life in an accident which occurred at Mardan, India, on July 23, to an aircraft of No. 11 (Bomber) Squadron, Risalpur, India.

With reference to the disappearance on August 8 of an aircraft of No. 233 (General Reconnaissance) Squadron, Thornaby, the Air Ministry announces with regret that as extensive air and ground searches have failed to find the aircraft and the occupants it must now be accepted that the following personnel lost their lives:—Sgt. Cecil Joseph Le Patrick Gordon (pilot), A/C.2 Thomas Charles Andrews, A/C.1 Melville George Brand, A/C.1 Leslie Freeman.

Flt. Lt. Ronald John Faulk Craig (pilot) and Cpl. William Hilbert Quane lost their lives in an accident which occurred at Broxton, near Chester, on August 12, to an aircraft of No. 83 (Bomber) Squadron, Scampton.

P/O. Frank Alfred Morant (pilot) and Act. Sgt. Wilfred Waller lost their lives in an accident which occurred at Caythorpe, Lincolnshire, on August 12, to an aircraft of the Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell, Sleaford.

Sgt. D. L. B. Cabuzet (pilot), A/C. P. E. Evans, A/C. O. T. Edwards, A/C. T. E. Griffiths, A/C. K. C. Sherwin and Mr. H. Gray are missing and believed drowned in an accident which occurred off Felixstowe on August 13, to an aircraft of No. 228 (G.R.) Squadron, Felixstowe.

A/C.s Evans, Edwards and Griffiths were members of the crew and A/C. Sherwin and Mr. H. Gray were passengers.